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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR A SERVICE

PROVIDER TO CONTROL EXPOSURE TO

NON-PAYMENT BY A SERVICE

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2009, please amend the aboveidentified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.